



Area canals were sandbagged in a attempt to contain the rising water that warm weather brought.

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## Flooding Might be Over

which man has laid across the valley floor. Up until a few years ago the water spread across the fields in the eastern part of the valley. A lot of it was absorbed into the ground and the canals were able to carry the rest without overflowing. However,

flooding can break up the streets and picks up debris along the way. So it is guided along Main Street and others which are solidly paved, when possible. But the Main Street river is what hurts the businesses.

washing hose, designed to clean the culvert by forcing the debris through. However, the contraption got stuck and crews had to cut it loose, leaving an additional obstacle, about the size of a cantaloupe.

Another device which has been



Local children took advantage of the high waters to sample a rare "day at the beach."



# Tax Growth in Nation

Utah ranked sixth among the 50 states in the percentage increase in state taxes over the past ten years. This was reported in an analysis of state taxes prepared by Utah Foundation, the private tax research organization.

According to the Foundation study, state tax collections in Utah climbed from \$399 million in the 1975 fiscal year to \$1,324 million in fiscal 1985, an increase of 232 percent (nearly three and a third times) during this ten-year period. This compares with an increase of 168 percent (approximately 2 1/2 times) for the nation as a whole.

One reason for the greater growth in Utah state taxes, of course, is that Utah's population

has increased at a faster pace than the U.S. average. Between 1975 and 1985, Utah's population rose 33.3 percent, compared with an increase of only 10.8 percent for the entire nation. Nevertheless, even when the tax comparisons are made on a per capita basis, Utah ranks 13th among the 50 states in the percentage of state tax increase over the past ten years.

Most state tax rates were raised one or more times since 1975. The only rates reduced during this period were the individual income tax rates which were trimmed back slightly in 1976 following a substantial increase the year before. The Foundation report points out, however, that inflation resulted

in an automatic increase in individual income taxes over the past ten years as families and individuals were pushed into higher tax brackets.

State taxes in Utah are taking a larger share of available personal income than they did ten years ago. In 1975, Utah state taxes were equal to 7.48 percent of personal income; by 1985, this percentage had grown to 8.24 percent.

For the nation as a whole, state taxes are not quite so burdensome as they are in Utah. State taxes in all 50 states were equal to 6.90 percent of personal income in 1975 and 7.11 percent in 1985.

Foundation analysts emphasize that these comparisons are for state taxes only. When state and local taxes are combined, the tax burden in Utah is equal to 12.8 percent of personal income compared with 11.7 percent for the nation as a whole. Utah ranked 8th among the 50 states

After the flood waters have subsided, the job of cleanup and repair will begin. It will be a big job, but at least it will be a dry one.

used is a slusher bucket that can be pulled through blocked culverts to clean them out. Workers have done everything possible to clean out water channels, but it is a frustrating job. They may work for several hours to clear one culvert, only to find another one plugging up a few blocks downstream.

Robert B. Isakson has been named Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of Commercial Security Bank's Kamas Office located at 80 North Main in Kamas, Utah, according to Mr. Richard K. Hemingway, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Isakson began his banking career in 1972 at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. While there he served as Branch Manager in both the Roy and Bountiful Offices. In 1980 he joined the Family Bank where he served as Cashier for over five years. While at the Family Bank, he was named Assistant Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer.

"We are very pleased to have Mr. Isakson join our staff," indicates Mr. Hemingway. "He has a long and successful career in the financial services industry, and we intend to use his talents and expertise effectively. We expect that this new assignment in the Kamas Office will be challenging, and that it will tap his talents and imagination. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Mr.

has been where the water from the canal under Rappleye's Timberline Hardware has backed up rather than flowing through the culvert which crosses under Main Street. The culvert is only about 36 inches in diameter, not nearly large enough to accept the full flow of the canal, even without any obstructions to reduce its capacity, and it has been blocked with silt and debris. Since the street is a state highway, state crews brought in an auger type of device on a

## Isakson Named Manager

Chapter of the Bank Administration Institute. He was graduated from the School of Bank Operations in Boulder, Colorado in 1983, and in 1985, he was graduated from the National Commercial Lending School in Norman, Oklahoma.

Mr. Isakson was born in Coalgate, Utah. He was raised in Kamas Valley, and he was graduated from South Summit High School in 1965. He attended Dixie College and was graduated from Weber State College in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Banking and Finance. He is married to the former Kay DeVries of Ogden, Utah, and they have three children. They reside in Mountain Green, Utah.

## Tours Offered at Timpanogos

A series of special tours will be offered at Timpanogos Cave National Monument from June 14 through August 24. Designed

filled their irrigation ditches and installed sprinkling systems so the snow melt has no place to go except across the middle of town. Heber must expect flooding at least once a year from now on.

The solution, so far, has been to try to cooperate with nature, find out where the water "wants" to go, and guide it along the best routes. It must be detoured with sandbags away from side streets which have gravel and dirt shoulders, rather than solid gutters, because

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given to the Contractor, that the Wasatch County Commission, Heber City, State of Utah, will receive bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, taxes, licenses, permits and transportation necessary for the construction of a new addition to the Wasatch County Library to be located at 188 South Main Street, Heber, Utah.

Bids will be made in accordance with the drawings, plans and specifications, prepared by RICHARDSON ASSOCIATES, Architects, One Ten Regent Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, and the same may be obtained after JUNE 9, 1986 from the Architects, at 110 Regent Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, and Wasatch County Clerk Room 205 Wasatch County Court Building, Heber City, Utah, upon requests accompanied by a deposit fee of \$100.00 per set, such deposit checks should be made payable to the ARCHITECTS, and the deposit made for drawings and specifications shall be refunded to depositors upon return of such drawings and specifications in good order and condition at the office of the Architects, within FIVE days after the date set for the bid opening set forth herein.

Bids will be received at the office of the Wasatch County Commission, State of Utah until the hours of 11:00 A.M., MDT, on the 26th day of JUNE, at which time such bids shall be opened and read aloud.

A bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, made payable to the Owner shall accompany the bid. If certified or cashier's check is used in lieu of bid bond, a certificate from an approved surety company guaranteeing execution of a 100% Performance Bond and 100% Payment Bond must accompany bid.